

Gallaudet Fact—

Q. Most people in the University community know that Abraham Lincoln signed the enabling act recognizing Gallaudet as a college. A lesser-known fact is who signed the Kendall Demonstration Elementary School into being. Which president's signature made the school possible?

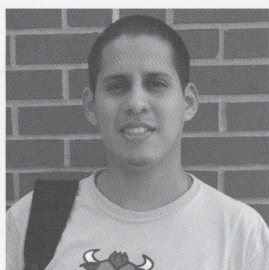
- A. Dwight Eisenhower
- B. John Kennedy
- C. Richard Nixon
- D. Jimmy Carter

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The Gallaudet Community bid farewell to some of its most cherished members at the Academic Affairs Retirement Reception on May 5. The retirees, pictured with President Davila and Provost Stephen Weiner, included (from second left) Margaret Simpson, Dr. Janet Pray, Charles Welsh-Charrier, Harry Markowicz, Bonnie Sanderlin, Dr. James Mahshie, and Dr. Barbara Bodner-Johnson. This year's 19 retirees represent over 500 years of service to the University, Dr. Davila said in his remarks.

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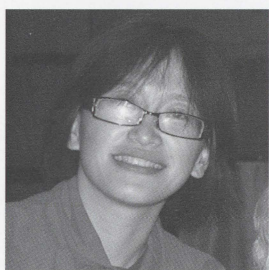


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Victor Cornejo is looking forward to time with family and at the gym this summer.



Kate Breen (left) worked with Euphrasia Mbwewe, project advisor to the Finnish Association of the Deaf, during an internship in Malawi.



Yiqiao Wang, a recipient of the Clara Bannister Congdon Memorial Scholarship Fund, meets with her benefactor.



Dr. Donald Langenberg and his wife, Dr. Patricia Langenberg, receive the Presidential Leadership Award.



Dr. Ceil Lucas is congratulated on 25 years of service to the University.

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Gallaudet's transformation is theme of President Davila's message to the Class of 2009



LEFT: Vanessa Scarma receives her diploma during Gallaudet's 140th Commencement. RIGHT: Elizabeth Hurd and Shmuel Khorsandi head toward the Field House for the graduation ceremony.

Gallaudet's 140th Commencement was an historic one for the Class of 2009. Bradley Dale, one of the undergraduate student speakers, pointed out at the May 15 ceremony that this class is the only one that will have its diplomas signed by U.S. President Barack Obama and Gallaudet President Robert Davila. "It will be the first and only time that their names are together on Gallaudet diplomas," he said. "What a treat!"

There were 322 graduates in the Class of 2009: 193 undergraduates and 129 graduates—including 15 doctor of audiology degree recipients and five doctor of philosophy degree recipients.

Dr. Davila presided over his last Gallaudet commencement as president; he is stepping down on December 31 after a highly productive tenure. Although he has delivered countless speeches to a wide array of audiences from all corners of the

world since he received his Gallaudet diploma 56 years ago, his address to the Class of 2009 was "more important to me than any other I have made throughout my professional career," he confided to the audience. The reason could be summarized in one word—transformation.

The transformation he spoke of was manifested at multiple levels. On a personal basis, Davila said he knew that the graduates' lives had been transformed by their experiences at Gallaudet, because of how deeply they changed his own. "The truth is, I would not be standing before you today were it not for the outstanding, well-rounded education I received at this remarkable university," he said. But transformation is also taking place within the University itself. Under Davila's guidance, the campus community rallied under the banner of

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Dr. Soukup reports on Board of Trustees' May meeting

Note: The following information was excerpted from a campus email from Board of Trustees Chair Ben Soukup to the campus community reporting on the trustees' May meeting on campus.

I'm pleased to announce that the Board of Trustees at its May 15 meeting unanimously—and very enthusiastically—approved a long-range strategic plan to guide the University from 2010-2015. This ambitious plan was accomplished thanks to the diligence over the past eight months by the Joint Task Force on Long Range Strategic Planning (JTF), which represented all the Gallaudet stakeholders—Board of Trustees, Board of Associates, Alumni Association, faculty, staff, and administration.

The goals of the plan are as follows:

1. Achieve an enrollment goal of 3,000 full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students by 2015
2. Increase the six-year undergraduate graduation rate to 50 percent
3. Secure a sustainable resource base through expanded and diversified funding partnerships and increased efficiency of operations
4. Refine a core set of undergraduate and graduate programs that are aligned with the institutional mission and vision, leverage Gallaudet's many strengths, and best position students for career success

5. Establish Gallaudet as the epicenter of research, development, and outreach leading to advancements in knowledge and practice for deaf and hard of hearing people and all humanity

President Davila said at the board meeting that this plan gives Gallaudet the tools it needs to chart our future direction and help us maintain our status as the proud world leader in the education of deaf and hard of hearing students. The president and the Management Team will immediately begin work to implement the plan.

Please refer to the webpage, vision2020.gallaudet.edu, to learn more about the Board of Trustees' guiding principles, goals, objectives, and strategies for long-range strategic planning, and to read the University's new Vision Statement, which was approved by the board at the meeting.

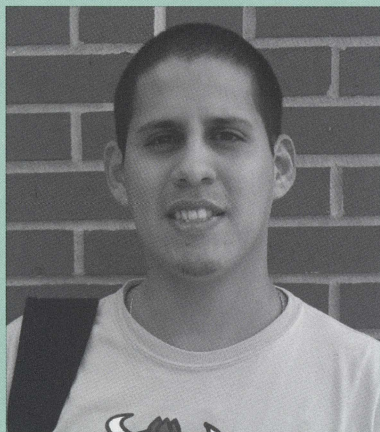
The trustees took action on a number of other important issues at the meeting, which I would like to share with you:

- Approved closing the finance and economics programs in the Department of Business Administration, due to a continued lack of enrollment in recent years. Courses in these disciplines will continue to be taught within the business program.

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Summer is almost here! What is your favorite hot weather activity?



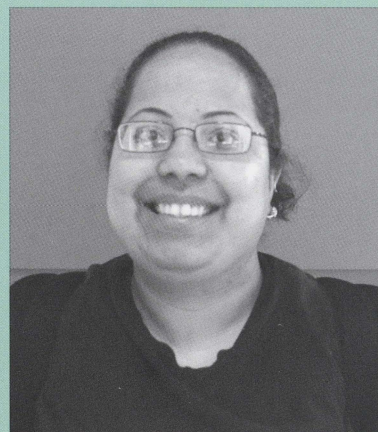
Going out with my family, playing soccer, and working out at the gym

Victor Cornejo
undergraduate student



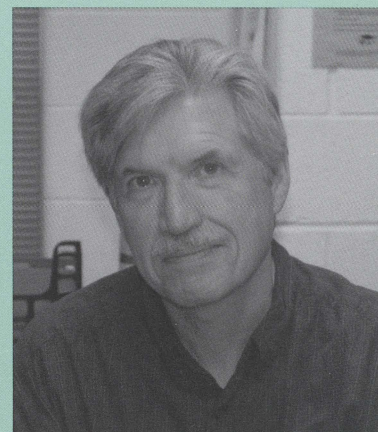
Dragon boating [a rowing sport], running, and cycling

Lindsay Buchko, instructor,
General Studies



Swimming in the pool

Billie Jean Nelson
undergraduate student



Going to the beach

Terry Coye, interim director of
faculty development for
General Studies

Board of Trustees meeting

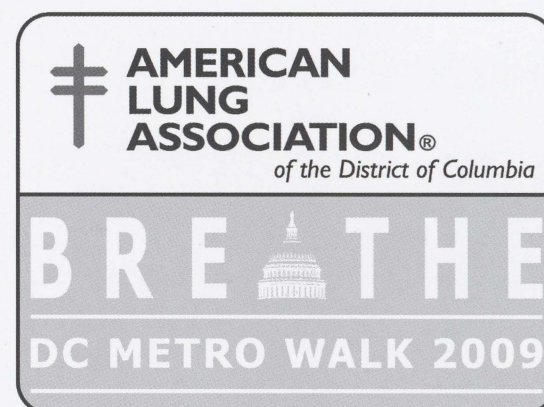
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- Approved the appointment of Dr. Rachel Hartig, a professor in the Department of Foreign Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, as faculty representative on the board's Academic Affairs Committee.
- Approved tenure to the following faculty members: Dr. David Barclay (Department of Social Work), Dr. Jill Bradbury (English Department), Scott Carollo (Art Department) Dr. Patricia Foley (Department of Communication Studies), and Dr. Lillie Ransom (Department of Communication Studies)
- Approved the University Budget Committee's proposed \$166.1 million budget for the 2010 fiscal year.
- Approved a preliminary request to Congress for \$124.9 million for Gallaudet's FY 2011 budget.
- Voted not to grant employee salary increases because of the current economic situation and uncertainty about next year's enrollment levels. The board also gave President Davila the flexibility to grant merit increases to employees performing exceptional service.
- Approved a recommendation that the board defer action on tuition increases until its October meeting.
- Ratified a resolution authorizing an increase in the University's credit line with PNC Bank from \$10 million to \$12 million, and approved another increase in the credit line to \$15 million.
- Approved a policy on the expenditure of endowment funds, as stipulated by the District of Columbia's Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act of 2007, which governs the use of endowment funds by nonprofit organizations.
- Approved a policy for authorization of the spending rate in accordance with the University's current investment policy.
- Approved reappointing the following trustees for three-year terms: Cheryl Heppner, Nancy Kelly-Jones, Pamela Lloyd-Ogoke, Tiffany Williams-Granfors, and Frank Wu.
- Approved a policy forbidding burials or spreading of ashes of deceased individuals on campus, and delegating to the president authority to approve memorial markers on campus.
- Approved a new policy of protection against unlawful harassment of any sort at the Clerc Center
- Approved revisions to an existing code of conduct policy for employees of the Clerc Center and the Child Development Center (CDC) with students who attend the Clerc Center or the CDC. The changes primarily deal with the list of officials to whom suspected acts of misconduct should be reported.
- Approved maintaining a minimum of \$8 million in cash in the endowment to cover the anticipated draw down for FY 2010.
- Reviewed information on a proposed Communication Device Policy. Data concerning the policy is being gathered and will be presented to the board for review and approval later this year.

In addition, the board announced that a formal gala will be held at Union Station on December 5 to honor President Davila. As you know, Dr. Davila will be stepping down as president on December 31 after three years of very effective—and much appreciated—leadership. The gala will be a fitting tribute for us to show our appreciation for all he has done for the University. An informal event on campus will also be planned to recognize President Davila in the late fall with the Student Body Government and the Graduate Student Association coordinating it.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Mr. James Lee Sorenson for his service as a trustee. Mr. Sorenson graciously agreed in June 2008 to complete the remaining year of a previous board member's three-year term. The board is grateful to him for his service to the University. He brought many strengths to the position as a nationally recognized business leader and entrepreneur. Gallaudet is also indebted to him for his generous support in making the dynamic new James Lee Sorenson Language and Communication Center a reality. ■

Clean air advocate gathers team for walkathon



A team representing Gallaudet will take part in the June 27 Breathe DC Metro Walk, hosted by the American Lung Association (ALA) of D.C. The Breathe Free at Gallaudet team is organized by Sheri Youens-Un, an e-Learning facilitator in Academic Technology.

As a member of the University's Smoke-Free Gallaudet group who recently quit smoking herself, Youens-Un feels strongly about raising funds and awareness for cleaner air and healthier lungs. "As a former smoker, it is my chance to do something good for a change," she said. "It is also my chance to give back to the Gallaudet community by setting up a team in its honor."

The event is a good fit for Youens-Un for another reason: she is passionate about running and walking. While that interest has led her to run several 10-kilometer, 10-mile, and marathon races, speed is not the goal of the Breathe DC Metro Walk. Gallaudet's inclusive Breathe Free team welcomes people of all fitness levels and abilities. "Since this event is a 5K walk, not a marathon, it means anyone can join us to walk—or to wheel," she explained.

The ALA of D.C. is pleased to see Gallaudet participate as one of the five members of its Tobacco-Free College Consortium, said Special Events Director Jan Morgan. She had a simple message for members of the Gallaudet community: "Go green with ALA D.C. and help fight lung disease," she said.

Anyone interested in joining or sup-

porting the team can email Youens-Un at sheri.youens-un@gallaudet.edu or sign up for the team at breathedcmetrowalk.org. ■

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Team Gallaudet to have its accreditation reaffirmed, and developed new mission and vision statements to help the University retain its standing as the number-one choice for future generations of deaf and hard of hearing students.

"I am honored to have led the University through the critical beginning phases of its transformation," said Davila. "I will leave the office knowing that I have given my heart and soul to making my beloved alma mater a much better place than it was when I arrived here three years ago. Whoever becomes Gallaudet's 10th president, I know he or she will continue the transformation begun by Team Gallaudet."

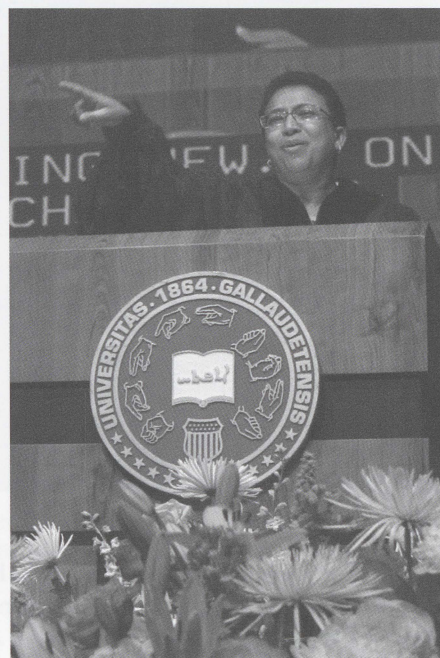
An alumna who is aware of the transformative power of a Gallaudet education is this year's Commencement speaker, the Hon. Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen, who in 1994 returned to South Africa with the skills she acquired at the University to become a social worker, and five years later became the first deaf member of her country's Parliament.

Newhoudt-Druchen told the graduates that when she returned to Cape Town to work with the deaf community, she was fulfilling her ambition, but sometimes life has its own plans. It was a total surprise to her when she learned that she had been nominated by the organization Disabled People South Africa as a candidate for Parliament, but she accepted the nomination and never looked back. She was elected for a second five-year term in 2004, and this time she was named chair of Parliament's Joint Monitoring Committee on the Improvement of Quality of Life and Status of Children, Youth, and Disabled Persons. Also, in 2004, she became the first woman to lead the Deaf Federation of South Africa.

Although she initially had self-doubts in being able to fulfill the demands of these positions, Newhoudt-Druchen said she has learned to believe in herself. Her advice to the graduates as they enter the next phase of their lives is to prove that they, too, are capable of taking on challenges. "You will have to show people that you can do the work, especially people who do not believe that deaf people can do anything," she said. "You will have to be an ambassador of Gallaudet University." She also encouraged the members of the Class of 2009 to use the education and skills they acquired at Gallaudet to help create opportunities for a better life for future generations of deaf people around the world.

Dale, who shared the stage with Colleen Doyle, another undergraduate speaker, exchanged comments about how Gallaudet had changed their lives and how their experiences at the University would influence them in the future.

Doyle came to Gallaudet as a hearing undergraduate after she took ASL in high school and became enamored with the language and deaf culture. Coming to Gallaudet allowed her to "stretch myself outside of my comfort zone and gain a better understanding of what it means to be deaf. Experiencing the world through other people's eyes is the best lesson I could have ever learned," she said. She



The Honorable Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen, a Gallaudet alumna and the first deaf member of the South Africa's Parliament, addresses the Class of 2009. She was also awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree during the Commencement exercises.

encouraged her classmates to "Use the skills and the talent that you have to make the world a better place."

Dale said Gallaudet's transformation that Davila described in his message affected him personally: The positive changes at the University "made me a stronger person," and his involvement with student organizations helped him to become a leader. Thanks to a Gallaudet education, the Class of 2009 is "in a position to contribute as deaf citizens, as citizens of the world, to making our world a safer place to live in," he said. We have work to do. ... Get involved."

Luciana Spinosi, who represented the graduate students, used a quote from Abraham Lincoln, "I am a slow walker, but I never walk back[ward]," a

metaphor for making progress and standing by decisions, as the theme of her address to her fellow graduates. Spinosi said that when she was 17, she decided to leave the deaf world. She went to college, graduated, and started a teaching career. Then her life changed: She met and married a deaf man, and they had two deaf children. It was then she realized, "I was in the right career, but in the wrong place," she said. Keeping Lincoln's words in mind, she sold her home, quit her job, and moved her family to Gallaudet to continue her education. "It is because of the people here at Gallaudet that I have been able to and continue to walk forward," she said. In closing, she asked the members of the Class of 2009 to consider Lincoln's message as they enter the next phase of their lives.

Other Commencement highlights included the awarding of honorary degrees, the recognition of this year's professors emeriti, and the announcement of the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Davila awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree to Newhoudt-Druchen, an honorary doctor of science degree to Dr. Ursula Bellugi, and honorary doctor of humane letters degrees to Knud Søndergaard and Roberto Wirth.

Bellugi, the director of the Laboratory for Cognitive Neuroscience at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, Calif., is a pioneer in the study of the biological foundations of language. She is considered to be the founder of the neurobiology of American Sign Language, because her research was among the first to demonstrate that it is a true language, processed by many of the same parts of the brain that process spoken language. Her research supports the notion that deaf people's linguistic systems are unique—they are passed down through the generations and forged into a structured language with grammatical properties not derived from spoken languages.

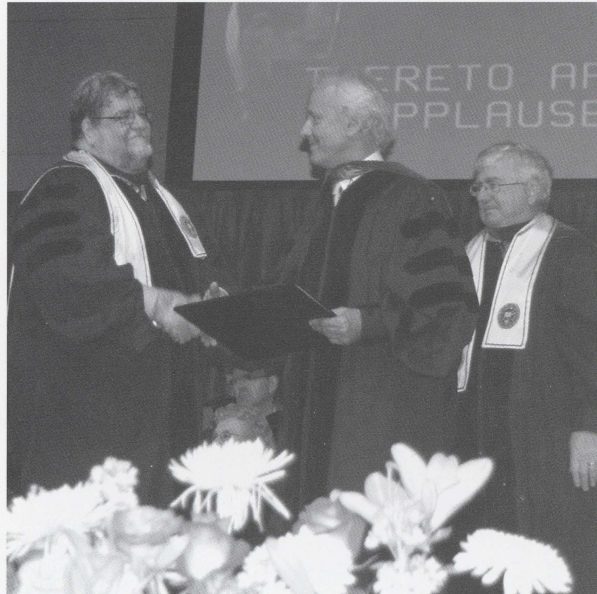
Wirth's 25 years of service at the five-star rated Hotel Hassler Roma make him one of the most experienced hotel managers and owners in Italy—giving further proof to the world that deaf people are capable of accomplishing any goal they attempt. He is the founder and president of the Roberto Wirth Fund, which aims to guarantee deaf and deaf-blind preschool children the right to an education that promotes the full development of their cognitive and communicative abilities. Italian students have also come to Gallaudet to study with support from the Wirth Fund. In collaboration with Gallaudet and the Italian Fulbright Commission, an annual scholarship

sponsored by Wirth has sent deaf Italian educators to Gallaudet since 1992 for specialized training and internships in deaf preschool education that are not available in Italy.

Søndergaard has been an ambassador to deaf people in Denmark, throughout Europe, and around the globe. He has made countless contributions to improve the quality of life for the deaf community in many areas—education, social service, athletics, and government service. Søndergaard recently retired as president of the Danish Deaf Association, an organization he has been involved in for most of his life. He also served many years in a number of other organizations that advocate for the rights of deaf people. He has worked for bilingual education for deaf children, and sign language training for parents and for teachers and other professionals who serve deaf people. He has also been a key advocate for establishing professional interpreting services in Denmark and for having free text telephones for the country's deaf community. He brought acclaim to the field of deaf sports both as an athlete and through administrative positions he has held on the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf.

Recognized as professors emeriti were Dr. Marcia Bordman (in absentia), who taught in the Department of English from 1969 to 2008, and who co-authored the *Gallaudet Writer's Handbook and Practical English Structure*; Dr. James Mahshie, who taught in the Department of Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences for 29 years, during which time he established the department's graduate program in speech/language pathology, its clinical doctorate program in audiology, and its doctor of philosophy degree in audiology; Harry Markowicz, who began his career at Gallaudet in the 1970s as a research associate in the Linguistics Research Laboratory, and served as a faculty member in the Department of English from 1981 to 2008; and Dr. Bruce White, who taught for 30 years in the Department of English, where he served as department chair for several years, was highly involved in the faculty governance system, and was a noted author.

The Distinguished Faculty Award went to Dr. Barbara White, a professor in the Department of Social Work, for her achievements inside and outside the classroom for her contributions to teaching, scholarship, and service to the University. ■



Honorary degrees were awarded at Commencement to Ursula Bellugi, the Hon. Wilma Newhoudt-Druchen, Knud Søndergaard, and Roberto Wirth. FROM LEFT: Wirth (center), manager of Italy's Hotel Hassler Roma, received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. (Also pictured are Board of Trustees Chair Ben Soukup [left] and trustee James Macfadden.) Bellugi, director of the Laboratory for Cognitive Neuroscience at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, received an honorary doctor of science degree. (Also pictured are Dr. Soukup and trustee Richard Ladner.) Knud Søndergaard (center), who recently retired as President of the Danish Deaf Association, received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. (Also pictured are Soukup and trustee Lawrence Fleischer.)

Q & A with Christopher Migliaccio, internal auditor



the U.S. Navy.

To find out more about the University's internal auditor, *On the Green* asked him a few questions.

OTG: When did you decide to pursue auditing?

CM: Once I graduated from George Mason University with my degree in accountancy, I was offered a job in public accounting. During the orientation period at my new job, I had to select between auditing and taxation for my career path. After talking to several of the experienced staff at the firm, I decided that auditing was the right path for me, and I have been doing it ever since.

OTG: Why did you decide to go the nonprofit route?

CM: During my public accounting days, many of our clients were nonprofits, so I was able to see the value of nonprofits and the daily impact they make upon their members and the community. I also enjoyed the congenial atmosphere at the nonprofits and the pride that the staff took in their job duties. After a couple years of public accounting, I was fortunate enough to find a job as an internal auditor for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Virginia. I later worked at AARP (American Association of Retired Persons).

OTG: What does your unit, AMAS, do?

CM: AMAS serves as a key, independent advisor to Gallaudet. The scope of AMAS job duties is broad, involving many areas such as reviewing the efficiency of operations, safeguarding assets, assisting management with special projects, compliance with regulations and policies, and investigating and deterring fraud.

OTG: Tell us more about your Six Sigma certification.

CM: Six Sigma is a business management strategy to improve the quality of processes within an organization. It follows six core principles—define, measure, analyze, improve, and control—and the certification programs delve into each one and how to apply them. When I started learning more about Six Sigma, I discovered that it is closely related to how auditors approach their audits. I pursued a course and got my Six Sigma Greenbelt certification at George Mason University.

Christopher Migliaccio became Gallaudet's internal auditor in February. He makes up the independent one-person department, Audit and Management Advisory Services (AMAS), which reports to the president and the Board of Trustees' Audit Committee.

Migliaccio holds a bachelor's degree in accountancy and a master's in business administration, and he is a certified public accountant and a certified fraud examiner with a decade of internal and external auditing experience. He recently earned his Six Sigma Greenbelt certification, and currently serves as president of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Institute for Internal Auditors. Prior to working in auditing, Migliaccio served for four years in

OTG: What have you learned in your military service and past auditing positions that you can apply to your current job?

CM: My past military and auditing experiences have enabled me to take a more disciplined and systematic approach to my work and pay attention to detail. I believe these experiences will help me "look around the corners" to see things I wouldn't have noticed earlier in my career.

OTG: What unique qualities do you bring to your position at Gallaudet?

CM: Aside from the technical skills needed to be an auditor, I believe I have good people skills, which at times seem to be missing in my profession. I believe in treating everyone with respect, being tactful, and providing great customer service (listening, following up, etc.). It's these skills that I think make me unique.

OTG: What can Gallaudet employees do to ensure smooth audits?

CM: A few keys to a smooth audit are ensuring everyone has a clear understanding of the scope and objectives of the audit and have realistic expectations of the audit steps. Also, open and candid conversations with the auditor and communicating throughout the audit process will help ensure it goes smoothly.

OTG: Which projects are you looking forward to in the coming year?

CM: The internal audit function is just starting up again at Gallaudet, so there's a lot of work to be done. I know one thing for sure: I will be trying to meet with as many employees as possible to gain a better understanding of their operations and risks, picking up that all-important "backstage knowledge" of how things work at Gallaudet. This will help me lower my learning curve, and at the same time I'll get to know everyone a little better. I want the internal audit department to be your trusted business advisor, so I will be working on training sessions on how to strengthen internal controls. I'll also be updating the department's website with additional content.

On a personal note...

OTG: Where did you grow up, and where do you live now?

CM: I grew up in beautiful rural Warrenton, Va. and I'm still there. [It] makes for a long commute, but that's where my roots are, and it's a place where you get to know your neighbors and community.

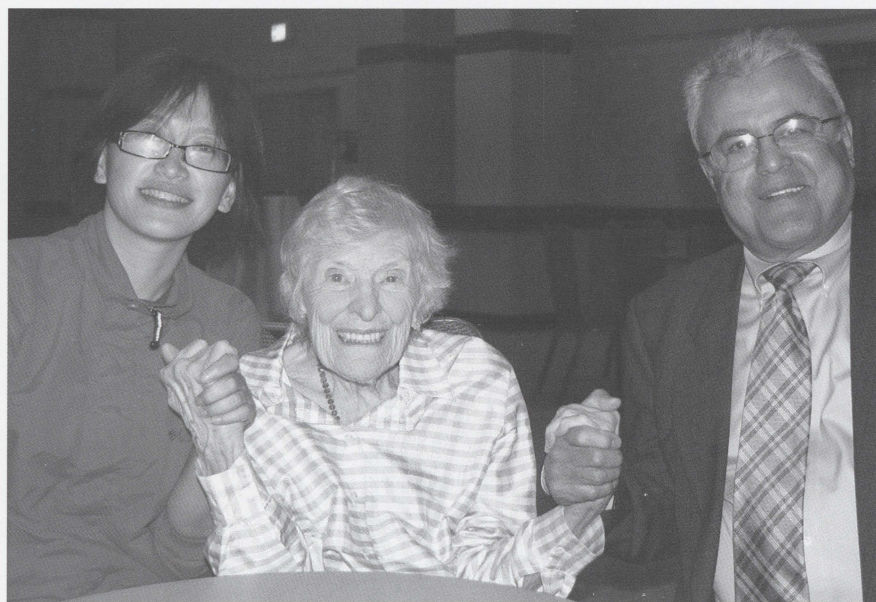
OTG: Who has had the biggest impact on your life, and why?

CM: I had some great mentors during my career that helped me grow professionally and personally. I would say they had the biggest impact on me.

OTG: It's lunchtime. Do you buy it or brown bag it?

CM: I probably brown bag it 72.58% of the time. I'm adding a little analytical auditor humor there!

Have questions of your own? Email Migliaccio at christopher.migliaccio@gallaudet.edu or visit him in College Hall 215.



Yiqiao Wang (left), a Gallaudet student from Beijing, China, and a recipient of the Clara Bannister Congdon Memorial Scholarship Fund, meets for lunch in the Kellogg Conference Hotel Bistro with the fund's founder, Cicely Angleton, and President Davila. Angleton established the fund in 1991 in honor of her late grandmother, who became deaf later in life, to provide scholarship support, preferably to international students. She comes to campus annually to meet with scholarship recipients.



Photo: Kate Breen

Kate Breen (left), who recently received her master's degree in international development from Gallaudet, stands with Euphrasia Mbewe, project advisor to the Finnish Association of the Deaf, during an internship in Malawi. The two are pictured outside of the Malawi National Association of the Deaf (MANAD) office in the city of Blantyre. Breen spent the final semester of her graduate program traveling around the southern African nation assisting Mbewe and MANAD staff. The work involved meeting and interviewing deaf Malawians to document their living conditions and determine how MANAD can further assist them. Breen also helped Mbewe work with the MANAD staff to improve office operations.

Campus Calendar

June

5—Session one of summer school ends

8—Session two of summer school begins

22-26—Council of American Instructors of the Deaf conference, GUKCH and JSAC

26—Session two of summer school ends

July

3—Campus closed in observance of Independence Day

Clerc Center Happenings

MSSD, Calvin Coolidge High School students launch 'Bridges' to enthusiastic crowd at Busboys and Poets

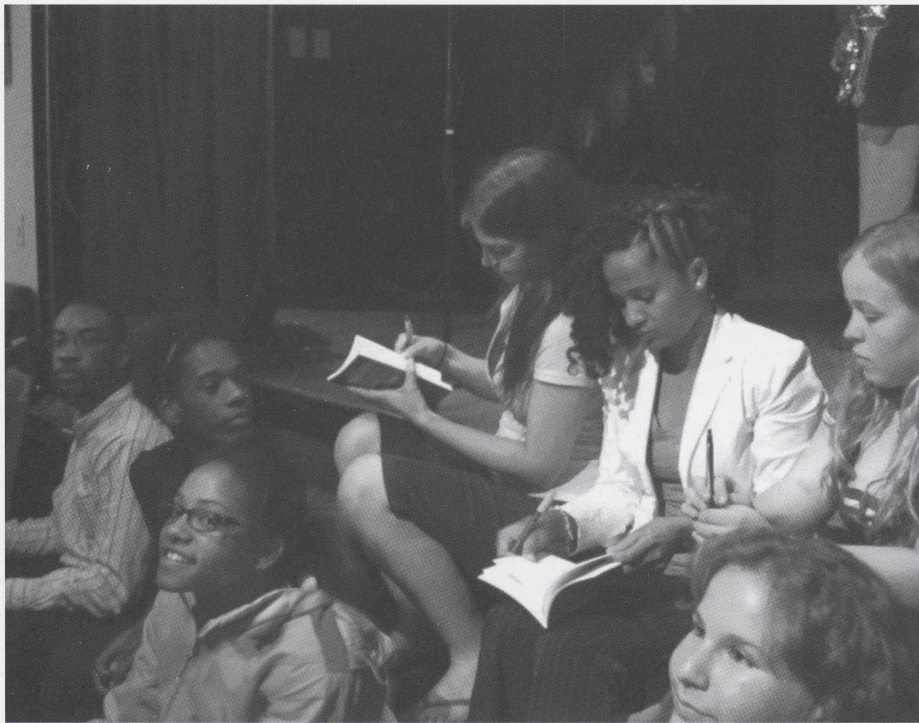


Photo: Susan Flannigan

MSSD and Calvin Coolidge High School students autograph copies of their book, *Bridges: Hearing and Deaf Students Connect Through Poetry*, at a book launch held May 29 at Busboys and Poets restaurant.

By Susan M. Flannigan

Busboys and Poets was hopping on May 29 with aspiring poets from MSSD and Washington, D.C.'s Calvin Coolidge High School, who read to a packed house. The popular D.C. restaurant was the venue for the debut of *Bridges: Hearing and Deaf Students Connect Through Poetry*, a joint venture between the two groups of students.

The students created and published *Bridges* during one of poet Kwame Alexander's Book-in-a-Day workshops, a program he created in 2006 to make the writing process both cool and relevant to students. Coolidge's Jaz Tucker told the audience: "Two days brought you the book you hold in your hands, two days brought all these poets together. I am going to keep my copy for the rest of my life."

The workshop connected with the themes of identity, loss, and love found in this year's Big Read-D.C. title, *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*, by Carson McCullers. The Big Read-D.C., part of a nationwide initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts, coordinated with local supporters, including Gallaudet, to produce programs and activities for the month-long reading project.

Amy Malone, an MSSD English teacher; Lisa Pershan, a KDES English-ASL teacher; Michael Fleeger, a senior member of the English Language Arts Department at Coolidge; and a team of interpreters assisted Alexander with running the workshops.

On May 2, the first day of the workshop, Alexander assessed what the students knew about poetry. He demon-

strated a variety of poetry forms using some of his own poems, and led the students through a journal writing exercise to jump-start their creativity by "clearing the muck out of their literary minds," he said. The students worked in pairs throughout the day, one student from each school, practicing writing in structured forms before attempting to write their own poems.

"Working with these students was a transformational experience," said Alexander. "At the end of the first workshop day, the students had an 'open mike' session for sharing their poems. It was heart stopping to see and listen to their poems rendered in sign and voice. It awakened in me the possibility of teaching poetry in a different way."

When the workshop resumed on May 21, the students worked intensively in teams like a publishing house on warp speed. They brainstormed a title, designed the front and back cover jacket to fit the theme, wrote and laid out all the interior text, created a marketing plan, and organized the lineup for the book launch at Busboys and Poets.

MSSD student Joseph Mosley shared his perspective on the experience: "With the help of Kwame Alexander and his Book-in-a-Day program, we were truly inspired by the joining of our two worlds (hearing and deaf). We are thrilled at having the opportunity to publish a book in one day."

For more information, visit www.bookinaday.org.

Ask Cousin Sally

Dear Cousin Sally,

I am curious about all of the dogs on campus. I understand the need for support animals, but it seems that a large number of students and some staff have their pets on campus. Is it okay for anyone to have their pets at work or class with them now?

Curious Kitty

Dear CK,

To find out about this, your friend Sally had to shed her usual overalls and straw hat and replace them with a business suit and reading glasses. (This is what Sally does when she goes into Policy Study Mode). Then I hunkered down in my undisclosed computer lab to see what was what. After some careful sleuthing, I found out that Gallaudet's animal policies are pretty clear.

Exhibit A, from Section 1.08 of the *Administration and Operations Manual*:

"The University permits service animals, which are individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability, on campus and in its public facilities....All other personal pets (i.e. animals other than service animals) are not permitted on campus."

Exhibit B, from question number 7 of "Residence Life's Frequently Asked Questions":

"Can I bring my pet (to Gallaudet)?"

"...No pets are permitted in the residence halls or even on the Gallaudet campus...."

Exhibit C:

The Department of Public Safety informed me that it enforces D.C. codes and fines related to pets on campus. Usually, out of courtesy, pet owners will get a warning first. However, there are fines ranging from \$25 for the first violation to \$100 for subsequent offenses like allowing dogs to run off leash and not cleaning up after them.

Phew! At this point in my reading, the business suit started to get a little itchy, so I decided to leave the lab for some fresh air. Outside, what do you think I saw? Two frolicking puppies, prancing around on the JSAC quad. I'm not sure if those little guys were service animals, but both dogs and owners looked pretty happy. Are you going to tell them the rules, CK, or should I?

Sally

Cousin Sally, *OTG's* resident retired dairy farmer and advice columnist, is ready for your questions at cousin.sally@gallaudet.edu.

Going, Going, Gone

Wanted: Professionals/graduate students to rent beautiful remodeled house, 1018 11th St. NE, one block from campus, \$2,400/mo. plus util.; 3 BR, 2 BA (1 w/jacuzzi), parking, backyard, stainless steel appliances, W/D, avail. June 1. For more info., email/call amira.nikolas@gmail.com, (703) 477-2452.



President Davila presents the new Presidential Leadership Award to Dr. Donald Langenberg, chancellor emeritus of the University System of Maryland, and his wife, Dr. Patricia Langenberg, vice chair of the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center, at the Friends of Gallaudet reception, held May 13 in the Kellogg Conference Hotel. The reception is held annually to recognize a special group of people for their time and financial assistance to support Gallaudet students and programs. The Presidential Leadership Award was established to recognize friends of Gallaudet who have made a first-time gift in the previous calendar year at a leadership level. The Langenbergs have created opportunities for Gallaudet students by supporting a scholarship fund that was established in honor of Donald Langenberg's late parents, who were both Gallaudet alumni—the Ernest G., '24, and Fern L., '27, Langenberg Memorial Scholarship Fund. Donald Langenberg holds an honorary doctorate degree from Gallaudet. In accepting the award, Langenberg said it was not possible for him to imagine giving to Gallaudet without considering what the University has given him through his parents' education. He added that it had been his pleasure to work for the past few years "with this wonderful University and community and help it move to a marvelous future."

Gallaudet Fact—

Answer: C. Richard Nixon signed a bill in 1970 that established KDES.

Notes from Human Resources Services

Service awards for March

Five years:

Wanda Hoshina, activities and operations specialist, Commuter Programs; **Zeshan Shafiq**, webmaster and desktop publisher, Office of the Dean, College of Professional Studies and Outreach; **Laria White**, administrative secretary, Department of Public Safety; **Jeanelle Faith**, administrative secretary, Department of Interpretation

Ten years:

Ethel Harrison, assistant teacher, Child Development Center; **Leslie Smith**, custodian, Custodial Services; **Elice Patterson**, coordinator of registration services, Registrar

Fifteen years:

Kenneth Buckley, lead finisher, Maintenance Services

Twenty years:

Vanessa Slade-Bratcher, executive secretary, Student Affairs; **Donna Thomas**, coordinator, Reprographic Services

Twenty-five years:

Michael Delauder, supervisor of heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and mechanical, Maintenance Services

Thirty-five years:

Joanne Jones, manager of employment and employee relations, Human Resources Services

New employees hired in March

Laura Cook, research and training program coordinator, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences-Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center; **Hollie Fallstone**, coordinator, Human Resources, Planning, and Communication, Clerc Center; **George Flett**, director, Marketing and Public Relations; **William Gardner**, dispatcher/customer service representative, Department of Public Safety; **Cheryl Henderson**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Kamille Malone**, supervisor of scheduling, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Norma Moran**, data analyst, Office of Academic Quality; **Zack Zuchegno**, scheduler, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

Promotions in March:

Douglas Barker, lead carpenter, Maintenance Services; **Janel Grossinger**, assistant director, Financial Aid

Retirements in March

Dennis Naber, Construction Services; **Bonnie Sanderlin**, Library

Service Awards for April

Five years:

Amy Malone, language arts teacher, MSSD; **Laura Washington**, secretary, Information Technology Service

Ten years:

Ralph Fernandez, webmaster II, Public Relations, Production, and Training, Clerc Center; **Georgette Hardy**, bus monitor, Transportation

Fifteen years:

Jill Porco, production coordinator, Gallaudet Press

Twenty years:

Teresa Ezzell, coordinator of publications, Enrollment Marketing

Twenty-five years:

Paul Segreti, lead finisher, Maintenance Services

Thirty years:

Janne Harrelson, director of Regional, National, and International Outreach, Programs, and Services, Office of the Dean, College of Professional Studies and Outreach; **Alexander Quaynor**, English as a Second Language trainer, English Language Institute

New employees hired in April

Michelle Banks, residential educator, Student Life; **Nancy Bonura**, residential educator, Student Life; **Masker Clemons**, dispatcher/customer service representative, Department of Public Safety; **Pamela Collins**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Melissa Kononenko**, coordinator of residence education, Residence Life; **Ali Nehrir**, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety; **Peter Snipes**, public safety officer, Department of Public Safety

Promotions in April

Miriam Aybar-Morales, financial aid loan specialist, Financial Aid; **Curtis Blake**, scheduler/dispatcher, Transportation; **Tonya Gamble**, program support specialist, Transportation; **Saharita Laster**, driver, Transportation; **Linda Raye**, manager, Transportation



Graduate School and Professional Programs (GSPP) Dean Carol Erting (center right), recognizes Linguistics Department Chair Ceil Lucas, shown with her colleagues at a GSPP chairs and directors meeting, for 25 years of service to Gallaudet.

Nominations sought for Athletic Hall of Fame

The Department of Athletics will host the 2009 Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony on October 25 during Homecoming.

The Gallaudet University Alumni Association (GUAA) is taking the responsibility of collecting nominations for the Hall of Fame. The GUAA also will have two representatives on the nomination committee, which is headed by the Gallaudet athletics director. Nominations must be submitted no later than July 1, accompanied by a written description of at least 500 words plus supporting information on each nominee. Nominations may be submitted by fax or email.

The nomination form is available at aaweb.gallaudet.edu/documents/Alumni/Athletic_HOF_Nomination_Form_2009.pdf.

Go to www.gallaudetathletics.com/insideathletics/HallofFame for a list of current members of the Athletic Hall of Fame.

For questions or information, email halloffame@gallaudet.edu.

More information on the induction ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Among Ourselves

Amy Siebert, a communication studies major, is the 2009-2010 recipient of the Matrix Scholarship Award from the Association for Women in Communications, D.C. Chapter. Siebert was presented the prestigious award at a May 14 luncheon at the National Press Club.



Kay Lam (back row—center, left), a research associate in the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI), is congratulated on 25 years of service to the University by Graduate School and Professional Programs Dean Carol Erting and GRI colleagues.